



**Joint Information Center - JIC Release No. 496**  
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**Results: 15 of 523 Test Positive for COVID-19; GPD Trained to Test for COVID-19;  
One GDOE Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

**Results: 15 New Cases of COVID-19**

**Fifteen (15)** new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of **523** tests performed on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. **No new** cases were identified through contact tracing. **Two (2)** cases reported recent travel history and were identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **7,183** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **119** deaths, **484** cases in active isolation and **6,580** not in active isolation.

## TODAY'S CAR SCORE

**1.7**

The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. Given the recent surges, Guam's first step has been to achieve a sustained CAR Score of 5.0 and below. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths. To learn more about the CAR Score, visit [Strive for Five](#).

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Thursday, December 17 and reflects results from Wednesday, December 16:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT	TOTAL	NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES:	7,183	15	120
CONFIRMED CASES:	7,017	13	91
PROBABLE CASES:	166	2	29

COVID-19 TESTING ON GUAM	TOTAL	NEW TESTS REPORTED TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	97,035	523	8.3%
MOLECULAR TESTS	92,186	435	8.5%
ANTIGEN TEST	4,849	88	4.7%
SEROLOGY TESTS	321	0	31.0%

**CASE BREAKDOWN**

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CURRENT ISOLATION LOCATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
COVID-19 Death	<b>119</b>	Hospital	<b>28</b>
Active Isolation	<b>484</b>	Home	<b>413</b>
Not In Isolation	<b>6,580</b>	Isolation Facility	<b>33</b>
Civilian	<b>6,854</b>	Military	<b>10</b>
Military Service Member	<b>329</b>		

<b>COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS</b>	<b>Guam Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>Guam Regional Medical City</b>	<b>U.S. Naval Hospital</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>COVID ADMISSION</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>IN ICU</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>ON VENTILATOR</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

**GPD Trained to Test for COVID-19**

Over the last three days, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) provided ABBOTT ID NOW and ABBOTT BINAX NOW training to members of the Guam Police Department (GPD). Training consisted of how to safely and properly administer COVID-19 tests and the safe donning and doffing of the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This will allow for GPD personnel to administer COVID-19 tests to arrestees before confinement at the Department of Corrections (DOC) and before minors are confined at the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA). Newly trained personnel will also be able to administer tests to asymptomatic personnel or personnel who may have been in close contact with known COVID-19 positive individuals.

**One GDOE Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) confirmed that one GDOE employee from the central offices in Tiyan tested positive for COVID-19. The GDOE is working closely with DPHSS to conduct contact tracing and any close contacts of the confirmed case will be contacted directly. Areas of the offices will be cleaned and disinfected as needed.

**GBHWC Crisis Hotline**

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [dphss.guam.gov](https://dphss.guam.gov) or [guamrecovery.com](https://guamrecovery.com). For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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